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(Highways)*
Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: 31 January 1963

SUBJECT : Speed Limit on George Washington Memorial Parkway During
Icy Conditions

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Sutton Jett, Deputy Director, National Park Service

Colonel L. K. White, Deputy Director (Support), CIA

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1. On 29 January 1963, at the request of Mr. Kirkpatrick, I telephoned Mr. Sutton Jett, the Deputy Director of the National Park Service, and suggested that in the interest of safety the speed limit on the George Washington Memorial Parkway be reduced to 35 miles per hour when the roads are slick because of snow or ice. I also said that we would be glad to post signs outside our gates warning personnel of the reduced speed limit if they should accept our suggestion and desire us to do so.

2. Mr. Jett said that he appreciated my call very much and that he thought the suggestion was a good one. He did not say specifically that they would adopt it although he implied as much. He also said that he would get in touch with me if they need any assistance in placing the signs.

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L. K. White
Deputy Director
(Support)

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NOTE FOR FILE:

Colonel White spoke to Mr. Sutton Jett, DD of National Park Service, on phone regarding speed limit of 35 mph when conditions on parkway are snowy or icy. Mr. Jett will get in touch with Colonel White if some action by Agency is required.

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NOTE FOR FILE

Following conversation
with Colonel White on phone,
Mr. Lloyd called Mr.
Kirkpatrick re attached
proposed letter.

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*Talked w/
Kirkpatrick*

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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The Honorable Stewart L. Udall
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Stewart:

The recent icy condition of the roads around the Washington area has given me serious concern about the safety of our personnel on the George Washington Memorial Parkway between the building and Key Bridge particularly, but now also between the building and Cabin John Bridge. You will recall that last year a car skidded off one of the bridges of the Parkway and three people were killed.

It occurs to me that the National Park Service might wish to give consideration to the practice followed on many of the turnpikes and thru-ways of reducing the speed limit in bad weather. We would have less possibility of accidents if when there is snow and ice on the roads the speed limit on the Parkway was reduced to 35 miles per hour. We would be happy to arrange to place signs at our exit gates on such occasions indicating that speed on the Parkway had been reduced and urging all employees to adhere to it.

You might wish to ask the Park Police to give this some consideration.

Trusting that you had a pleasant time over the holidays, and with best wishes for your continued success -- and the added note that I greatly enjoyed your excellent report on your trip to Russia and on the Soviet power system.

Sincerely yours,

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director